

MARRIAGE LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

⇒ AGE: 18 years of age

COST: \$53.00

Cert. Copy: \$7.00

⇒BLOOD TEST: As of October 1, 2007, new State law allows marriage license applicants to waive the requirement of a medical certificate, if both applicants read and sign an informed consent statement. The applicants must sign to acknowledge that they received the information provided regarding the risks associated with declining the rubella immunity test. The front of the new form is the Medical Certificate, and the reverse side of the form is the Informed Consent and Waiver. If applicants choose to decline a blood test for rubella immunity, with informed consent regarding the need to know a woman's rubella immunity status, they need only read the information, check the waiver request box, and sign the back of the form. A physician's signature is not required if the waiver is chosen. Either way, applicants need to sign the premarital form. No blood test is required for the groom. If the bride is age 50 or older or unable to have children no blood test is required.*

*NOTE: If the bride is unable to have children (exempt from blood test on medical grounds), there is a place provided on the certificate for the doctor to check, stating the blood test is not needed. Otherwise, the waiver can be signed by both parties. Premarital Certificate Forms are available from the Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services, Helena MT or at the website: www.dphhs.mt.gov/PHSD/Lab/Environmental/pdf/premaritalcertfillable.pdf

⇒ IDENTIFICATION TO BRING IN: A birth certificate is preferred (or driver's license).

⇒ INFORMATION YOU WILL NEED TO KNOW:

- Parties' birthplace (city, county, state)
- Parents' full names, including mother's maiden name (spelled correctly)
- Parents' birthplace-state or foreign country
- Date of most recent marriage dissolution or death certificate of previous spouse, as well as the date, county and state in which it occurred. Groom must provide former wife's maiden name. **Must show signed copies of Decree of Dissolution to the clerk.**

⇒ UNDER 18: If either party is 16 or 17 years of age, the following criteria must be met before a license can be issued.

- Both parties must participate in marriage counseling involving at least two separate counseling sessions not less than ten (10) days apart with a designated counselor. And provide a statement from the counselor stating compliance.
- Signed consent of parent(s) or guardian(s) on reverse side of license application or separate, notarized statement.
- District Judge's approval.

⇒ NOTE: Marriage Licenses and Marriage License Applications are confidential documents, and may only be released to, or inspected by, the registrant, the registrant's spouse, children, parents, or guardian, or an authorized representative, pursuant to M.C.A. Sec. 50-15-121(1). See M.C.A. Sec. 50-5-1103(2) regarding "authorized representative".

⇒ WAITING PERIOD: License is effective upon issuance (no waiting period) and expires after 180 days

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL 436-2320.